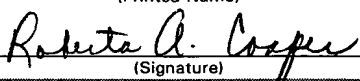




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**EP 0 290 299**

This application relates to a process for the preparation of water-soluble pellets containing Ginkgo biloba extract, wherein the pellets are prepared by granulating a mixture that comprises the active principle and a water-soluble support.

**DE 2458112**

This application relates to micropellets comprising an active principle, which may be ipeca extract, and a saccharose as a binder.

FR 1443063

This application relates to a Theophylline formulation, comprising a neutral core coated with a layer containing Theophylline, an adjuvant which may be a thyme extract, and a mixture of glyceride, oily alcohol and beeswax.

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